

until CMS develops provider-specific standards. Allow CMS to waive physician accreditation if the agency determines they are subject to other mandatory quality requirements.

Establish a separate ombudsman within CMS to handle supplier and beneficiary issues related to the competitive bidding program.

OTHER CHANGES

Exclude complex rehabilitation wheelchairs, and related accessories when furnished with such wheelchairs, from competitive bidding.

Exclude negative pressure wound therapy from Round 1 and require CMS to evaluate how these items are coded and paid.

Exclude Puerto Rico from Round 1 re-bidding (did not receive enough valid bids in original Round 1 for CMS to award any contracts).

Allow physicians and other treating practitioners to supply "off-the-shelf orthotics" to their patients without being awarded competitive bidding contracts.

Allow hospitals in bidding areas to supply the same DMEPOS items that physicians and other practitioners will be able to supply (those that are considered an integral part of professional services) without being awarded contracts for those items.

Ensure that podiatrists and other similar practitioners can prescribe DMEPOS items by using broader definition of physician in Social Security Act. (This relates to a drafting error in MMA that pointed to the wrong definition of physician in the Social Security Act when requiring face-to-face examination in order to prescribe DMEPOS items.)

Delay mandated GAO report to coincide with delay to Round 1 and expand scope of report.

Provides CMS implementation funding of \$120 million.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARVIN HIRSCHBERG

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Marvin Hirschberg, and in recognition of a life dedicated to his country, community and family.

Marvin Hirschberg, a resident of Olmsted Falls since 1969, has a multifaceted and rich history of public service. He earned both his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the City College of New York in 1951 and from Case Institute of Technology in 1958. Marvin worked as a research scientist at NASA for forty-two years until his retirement in 1994. Despite his retirement from full-time work, he continued to be an active volunteer at NASA and in the Greater Cleveland Area. His dedication to the environment and to the Olmsted Falls community earned him recognition as Olmsted Falls Citizen of the Year in 1998. Marvin was imperative in initiating the city's recycling program and served on the Environmental Protection Board. He and his wife, Ann, worked together mentoring students through the American Field Service (AFS), a program which enables resident high school seniors to study abroad and students from around the world to study in Olmsted Falls.

Marvin was also a key member of the Olmsted Falls Airport Committee. He applied

his knowledge as a NASA engineer to the civic efforts of Olmsted Falls residents to exercise oversight of the City of Cleveland's airport planning. As a result of his knowledge and research on sound, his dogged pursuit of a better way of planning airport expansions, and his dedication to citizenship as a resident and leader in his community, Marvin helped make Olmsted Falls a quieter place and helped make the City of Cleveland and Hopkins International Airport a better neighbor.

Mr. Hirschberg is survived by his loving wife, Ann, his children, Leslie Vickery, Eric and Lora Hirschberg, and his nine grandchildren; Daniel and Emily Olah, Benjamin and Samuel Vickery, Adam, Claire, and Valerie Hirschberg, and Eva and Alice Nowell.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life of Marvin Hirschberg, who committed his life to serving his country, community and family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to note that I would have voted in favor of both the Motion to Refer H. Res. 1258 to the Committee on the Judiciary (Roll No. 401) and H. Res. 1235 (Roll No. 402). I was obligated to leave the House floor before the close of votes in order to speak with several important witnesses and supporters just prior to a committee hearing that was scheduled to commence immediately after that series of votes.

H.R. 6229 MAYOR WILLIAM "BILL" SANDBERG POST OFFICE

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I have the pleasure of introducing H.R. 6229, legislation to name the Post Office located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul after Mayor William "Bill" Sandberg, the longtime Mayor of North Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Bill Sandberg was born in 1932 in the Selby-Grand neighborhood of Saint Paul. His family later moved to North Saint Paul, where he lived the remainder of his life. He graduated from North Saint Paul High School in 1950 and the University of Minnesota in 1954. After serving in the Army in the 1950s, Bill joined the family business, Sandberg Funeral Home in North St. Paul as funeral director. He later served as an associate of Johnson-Peterson Funeral Home of St. Paul and White Bear Lake and was active in the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association and a Heritage Club member of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA). Throughout his career, Bill was a well respected business owner and a leader in the small business community.

Bill Sandberg was first elected Mayor of North Saint Paul in 1978, reelected for seven more terms, and served with honor and distinction until his passing on April 20, 2008.

Throughout his 30 year career as Mayor, he brought people together to solve divisive issues such as the reconstruction of Highway 36 because he always put public service, common sense, and the citizens of North Saint Paul first. As a man of strong religious faith, Bill organized Mayor's Prayer Breakfasts where people of all faiths could come together to celebrate community and support one another.

I want to thank the entire Minnesota Delegation for cosponsoring this legislation that pays tribute to a dedicated public servant, wonderful human being, and dear friend and mentor. Those of us who knew Bill also know well his loving devotion to his wife Dolores, daughter Karen, and grandchildren Carolyn and William.

EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT HIV/ AIDS EPIDEMICS IN THE CARIB- BEAN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my concern about the increasing rate of HIV/AIDS infections in the Caribbean.

Caribbean nations are the areas of the highest occurrence of the HIV/AIDS disease. United Nations reports that Haiti, Belize, Barbados, the Bahamas and other neighboring countries have the prevalence ratio which comes second only after the sub-Saharan region. The developing countries are hit hardest by these epidemics, which are devastating families, labor forces and economies. Undoubtedly, substantial progress has been made in preventing and treating the disease. Many people in the Caribbean are provided with life-prolonging anti-viral medications and therapies. A growing number of pregnant women are receiving drugs that prevent passing the viruses from mother to child during pregnancy and child-labor. Still, many more people are urgently in need of medications to keep them alive. In 2007, nearly 2.5 million people were newly infected, mainly from the Caribbean and sub-Saharan regions. Developing countries work hard on providing the poor with life-saving medications. It is crucial that they continue such important work.

Universal access and reduced cost of disease-fighting drugs remain the main issues in dealing with the HIV/AIDS epidemic. I hope that many more Americans are concerned about the spread of the HIV/AIDS disease and join in the struggle against the deadly virus.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY MAN- AGERS IN BARTHOLOMEW COUN- TY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize the extraordinary contributions of emergency management, disaster response, and recovery personnel as well as elected officials and community leaders in my district devastated by the recent severe weather in Indiana.